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Title: DEVICE FOR STORING AND REPRODUCING AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3,4, 6 and 7 as follows:

1 3. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in
2 that the conversion unit includes a digital-to-analog converter (5)
3 for converting the digital audio and/or video data into analog
4 signals.

1 4. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in
2 that it is integrated in a microchip.

1 6. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized
2 in that the semiconductor memory (3) is a read-only memory.

1 7. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in
2 that the conversion unit is configurable subject to authorization
3 control and/or irreversibly.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claims 3,4, 6 and 7 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version with Markings
to Show Changes Made to the Claim

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3, 4, 6

and 7:

- 1 3. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 [or 2],
2 characterized in that the conversion unit includes a digital-to-
3 analog converter (5) for converting the digital audio and/or video
4 data into analog signals.
- 1 4. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 [at least one of the
2 claims 1 to 3], characterized in that it is integrated in a
3 microchip.
- 1 6. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 [at least one
2 of the claims 1 to 5], characterized in that the semiconductor
3 memory (3) is a read-only memory.
- 1 7. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 [at least one of the
2 claims 1 to 6], characterized in that the conversion unit is
3 configurable subject to authorization control and/or irreversibly.